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ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

UNEMPLOYMENT BY COUNTY

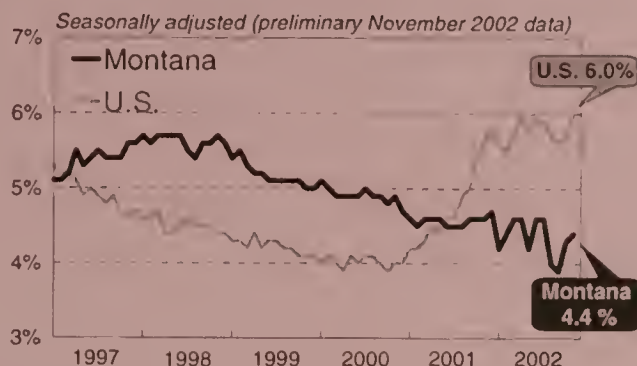
Not seasonally adjusted

	Nov. 2001	Nov. 2002*
UNITED STATES	5.3%	5.7%
MONTANA	4.6%	4.4%
Cascade **	4.2%	4.0%
Missoula **	3.7%	3.4%
Yellowstone **	3.4%	3.6%
Beaverhead	3.0%	4.3%
Big Horn	16.5%	14.2%
Blaine	3.9%	5.0%
Broadwater	3.8%	4.2%
Carbon	5.4%	3.6%
Carter	2.1%	1.4%
Chouteau	3.1%	2.9%
Custer	3.6%	2.9%
Daniels	2.7%	2.5%
Dawson	2.2%	2.0%
Deer Lodge	7.0%	5.9%
Fallon	2.5%	3.2%
Fergus	5.2%	5.1%
Flathead	6.1%	5.7%
Gallatin	3.2%	3.5%
Garfield	1.2%	2.6%
Glacier	11.2%	10.0%
Golden Valley	4.0%	4.8%
Granite	6.7%	4.9%
Hill	3.5%	3.5%
Jefferson	5.1%	4.4%
Judith Basin	2.6%	4.2%
Lake	6.7%	5.8%
Lewis & Clark	4.3%	4.1%
Liberty	2.5%	2.8%
Lincoln	9.8%	10.1%
McCone	2.1%	1.1%
Madison	3.3%	3.4%
Meagher	7.0%	5.1%
Mineral	7.3%	8.8%
Musselshell	7.3%	6.0%
Park	6.2%	5.0%
Petroleum	1.4%	3.0%
Phillips	4.5%	5.0%
Pondera	4.2%	3.9%
Powder River	1.9%	2.3%
Powell	4.7%	6.6%
Prairie	4.3%	4.0%
Ravalli	4.8%	4.9%
Richland	3.4%	4.1%
Roosevelt	6.9%	6.3%
Rosebud	6.3%	5.9%
Sanders	6.9%	6.6%
Sheridan	3.2%	1.8%
Silver Bow	5.1%	4.8%
Stillwater	3.2%	3.2%
Sweet Grass	3.7%	2.2%
Teton	3.3%	3.4%
Toole	2.8%	2.3%
Treasure	4.6%	4.8%
Valley	2.6%	2.5%
Wheatland	4.3%	5.1%
Wibaux	1.7%	2.3%

*November 2002 rate preliminary
** Cascade=Great Falls MSA
Missoula=Missoula MSA
Yellowstone=Billings MSA

November 2002 HIGHLIGHTS

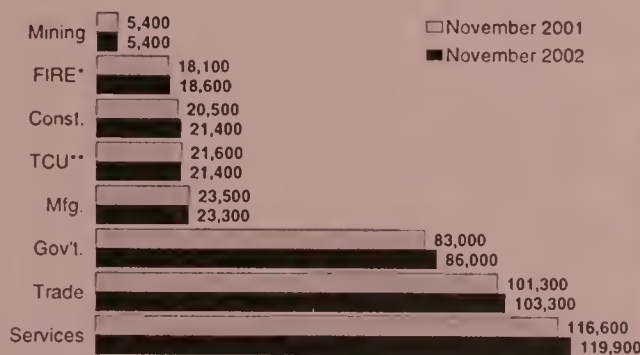
Unemployment



Montana's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate continued to be lower than the U.S. rate in November. The state's November unemployment of 4.4 percent was 1.6 percentage points lower than the nation's.

Nonag Payroll Employment

Montana Jobs (Seasonally Adjusted)



*Finance/Insurance/Real Estate **Transportation/Communications/Utilities

Seasonally adjusted, Montana's nonagricultural payroll employment was up about 9,300 jobs (2.4 percentage points) over the year in November. The largest over-the-year gains came in business services and health services.

Earnings

Average weekly earnings for Montana's private sector production workers were up 4.1 percent over the year in November, outpacing the 2.2 percent over-the-year increase in U.S. inflation.

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE: 2001

The U.S. Census Bureau reports 16.0 percent of Montanans were without health insurance coverage in 2001.

	Percent uninsured 3-year average 1999-2001
U.S.	14.5%
New Mexico (highest %)	23.2%
Idaho	16.5%
Montana	16.0%
Wyoming	15.6%
Washington	13.5%
North Dakota	10.9%
South Dakota	10.4%
Rhode Island (lowest %)	7.2%

For more Census information, visit the Montana Census and Economic Information Center website at <http://ceic.commerce.state.mt.us>.

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REASONS MONTANANS WORK PART TIME

Reasons Montanans work part time (1-34 hours a week)
2000 annual averages

Population group	Usually work full time					
	Total	Slack work or business conditions	Vacation or personal day	Holiday, legal or religious	Weather related curtailment	Other reasons (a)
Total	38,000	5,000	13,000	1,000	2,000	16,000
Men	21,000	4,000	7,000	d	2,000	8,000
Women	17,000	2,000	7,000	d	c	8,000

- Most who work part time do so by choice.
- More women than men work part time, largely by choice due to family/personal obligations and school/training.

Population group	Usually work part time							
	Total	Slack work or business conditions	Could only find part-time work	Childcare problems	Other family or personal obligations	In school or training	Retired or Social Security limit on earnings	Other reasons (b)
Total	89,000	5,000	7,000	2,000	24,000	25,000	8,000	19,000
Men	28,000	2,000	3,000	c	2,000	10,000	4,000	8,000
Women	62,000	3,000	4,000	2,000	22,000	15,000	4,000	11,000

a: Includes seasonal work, job started or ended, own illness, child-care problems, other family or personal obligations, labor dispute, in school or training, civic or military duty, and all other reasons.

b: Includes seasonal work, health and medical limitations, full-time work week less than 35 hours, and all other reasons.

c: Fewer than 500 persons.

d: Data are not shown when the labor force base does not meet Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) publication standards of reliability for the particular area, based on the sample in that area.

NOTE: Data for demographic groups are not shown when they do not meet BLS publication standards of reliability for the particular area, based on the sample in that area. Items may not add to totals because of rounding.

SOURCE: Current Population Survey (CPS), a sample survey of about 50,000 U.S. households conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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